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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees

From: Sid Grant – Interim COO

Date: October 28, 2024

cc: Dr. Brad Hunt, Diana Sircar, Josette Dobbins, Greg Alexander, Robyn Webb

**Re: Approval of Speak EZ and Aerowave Technologies for HB3 Emergency Communications Upgrades**

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House Bill 3 requires upgrades to campus communication systems to provide better coverage throughout a campus and between campuses with two-way radios and cellular phones. This includes improving coverage with emergency responders such as the police and fire departments. The two upgrades include adding repeaters and antennas to our campuses, as well as adding bi-directional amplifiers to achieve improved communication throughout a campus and between campuses. These systems include an uninterruptable power source (UPS), so the communication systems will still operate in the event of a power outage.

The bi-directional amplifiers (BDAs) will be provided by and installed by a communications equipment company called SpeakEZ at a cost not to exceed \$500,000. The repeaters and antennas will be provided and installed by Aerowave Technologies at a cost not to exceed \$420,000.

One hundred percent of this total cost will be reimbursed by Cycle 1 dollars from the Texas SAFE grant. That is, none of the cost will be funded by the CISD maintenance and operations budget or the 2023 bond proceeds.

The proposals from SpeakEZ and Aerowave Technologies were procured in accordance with Texas Education Code §44.031 through the district's membership with TASB Buyboard.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve SpeakEZ to supply and install bi-directional amplifiers on our campuses at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 and Aerowave Technologies to supply and install communication repeaters on our campuses at a cost not to exceed \$420,000.